for the prevention of their smuggling and fraudulent dealings and provide for their compulsory acquisition for preservation in public places. This act covers any manuscripts, record or other decument which is of scientific, historical, literary or aesthetic value and which has been in existence for not less than 75 years.

Government is also actively considering the enactment of a separate law on Records of National Importance to check unwarranted destruction, rare historical documents and manuscripts.

G.S.A. in Foreign Countries

279. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is having G.S.A. in all the important countries of the world; if so the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that G.S.A. (General Sales Agents) in collusion with officials of Air India supply wrong data of booking of passengers; and

(d) what is the actual loading of passengers from U.K. to India during the last six months as compared to the corresponding for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. A statement showing areas covered is attached. [*See* appendix CXLI Anneure No. 9]

(b) In the countries not covered by attached statement, either Air India have their own establishment and competitive market conditions do not warrant appointment of a General Sales Agent, or the potential of traffic is limited which does not require either an Air India establishment or a General Sales Agent.

(c) Government is not aware of any such practice.

(d) Air-India's total carriage of passengers from U.K. to India during the six months, from April to September, 1986 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period of 1984 and 1985 are given below:

Period	No. of passengers
April-September, 1986	23,300
April-September, 1985	27,380
April-September, 1984	29,408

Commemorative Stamp in Memory of Nanji Kalidas Mehta

280. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for the issuance of a commemorative stamp in the memory of Nanji Kalidas Mehta on the occasion of his 100th birth anniversary;

(b) whether the Philatelic Advisory Committee has also recommended the same; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal will be again placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee for reconsideration at its next meeting.

Airlinking of Ahmedabad to Goa Trivandrum and Pune

281. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to connect Ahmedabad to Goa, Trivandrum and Pune by air, and

(b) if so, when these services are likely to start operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Daily flight between Ahmedabad and Delhi

282. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be plased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand and adequate traffic between Ahmedabad and Delhi to provide non-stop daily flight both in the morning and evening;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IC 462/461 which is a daily flight in the morning has been scheduled as evening flight on Tuesdays and Thursdays causing great hardship and in convenience to passengers in this sector: and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ease the congestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to operational reasons capacity constraints, Indian Airlines, with effect from January 1, 1987, had to revise the timings of IC 461/462 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to shift the same in the afternoon hours. This change woes not, however cause inconvenience to the passengers. Indian Airlines would consider operating a daily Boeing-737 service in the morning hours between Delhi and Ahmedabad after additional B-737 aircraft capacity has been acquired.

Kanyakumari-Mandapum Road as National Highway

283. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to declare Kanyakumari-Mandapum road as National Highway; and

(b) if so, what amount has been earmarked for the development of this road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

World Bank Loan for Railway Modernisation

284. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loan received by railways from World Bank for its modernisation and development;

(b) the number of projects undertaken so far under the scheme; and

(c) the amount of interest on the loan so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There are two ongoing Credits/Loans for Railways projects viz. Credit 1299-IN| Loan 2210 in for a total amount of US $ 400 m. and loan 2417 for $280.7 million. The Projects covered are:

(i) Plant & Machinery for Diesel Component Works, Patiala.